

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### **EXPEDITED NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS AND NON-CITIZEN NATIONALS SERVING IN AN ACTIVE-DUTY STATUS DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including Section 1440 of Title 8, United States Code, and solely in order to provide expedited naturalization for aliens and non-citizen nationals serving in an active-duty status in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period of Operation Enduring Freedom, it is hereby ordered as follows:

For the purpose of determining qualification for the exception from the usual requirements for naturalization, the period of military operations in which the Armed Forces of the United States became engaged in armed conflict with a hostile force commenced on October 7, 2001. Such period will be deemed to have terminated on a date designated by future amendment to this Executive Order. Those persons serving honorably in active duty status in the Armed Forces of the United States beginning on October 7, 2001 are eligible for naturalization in accordance with the statutory exception to the naturalization requirements, as provided in Section 1440(b) of title 8, United States Code. Nothing contained in this order is intended to affect, nor does it affect, any other power, right or obligation of the United States, its agencies, officers, employees or any other person under federal or international law.

**GEORGE W. BUSH**